

REMARKS

1. Summary of the Office Action

Claims 48 and 91 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Claims 34 to 120 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

2. Response to § 112 Rejection

Claims 48 and 91 have been amended and it is submitted that this rejection has been overcome.

3. Response to § 103 Rejections

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for the reasons set out below, and ask the Examiner for reconsideration.

The Examiner is thanked for the opportunity to discuss this rejection during the telephone interviews on February 5 and February 6, 2004.

In light of the Examiner interview, the Applicant has amended the claims. Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 has been overcome, and withdrawal of this rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

4. **Conclusion**

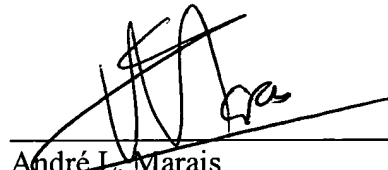
Applicant respectfully submits that all rejections have been addressed and that the claims are now in a condition for allowance, which is earnestly solicited.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666.
If a telephone interview would in any way expedite the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact André Marais at (408) 947-8200 ext. 204.

Respectfully submitted,

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